

## Upcoming Guild Meetings for 2023-24

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Guild meetings are held in person and recorded for those members who are unable to attend.

St. James Episcopal Church  
11815 Seven Locks Road  
Potomac, MD 20854

Library opens at 9:30  
Business meeting starts at 10:00  
Program starts at 10:30

November 11, 2023

### **Eileen Hallman – Fresh Indigo Dye**

As the proprietor of New World textiles, Eileen Hallman has been providing cotton fiber, yarn, and fabric to fiber people since 1995. In 2005, she took dye and shibori workshops with Catharine Ellis and a fresh indigo workshop with Rowland Ricketts. She has been growing and studying the properties of Japanese indigo ever since. Three years ago, she discovered through reading that there is a yellow dye in the leaf. With the primaries accounted for, the experimentation has moved on to the secondaries.

#### *Guild Meeting/Program: The Colors of Indigo*

This presentation will open our eyes to the magical properties of the Japanese indigo plant, which contains a yellow dye as well as the precursors for blue and pink. I will talk about how I got here from there, share some stories, and bring a range of colors I've obtained in the course of 17 years of research.

December 9, 2023

### **No Meeting – Guild Silent Auction, Sale, Fashion Show, and Potluck**

Note: This event will be held at:  
*Saint Mark Presbyterian Church*  
*10701 Old Georgetown Road*  
*North Bethesda, MD 20852*

# Upcoming Workshops

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## Mini Workshop: Ice Water Indigo – November 11, 2023

*Eileen Hallman*



In this workshop you will learn how to harvest Japanese indigo and how to prepare the ice water bath to dye silk blue. Working primarily with silk using dried indigo leaves in a non-vat technique. Demonstrating using just leaves and water to obtain the color blue.

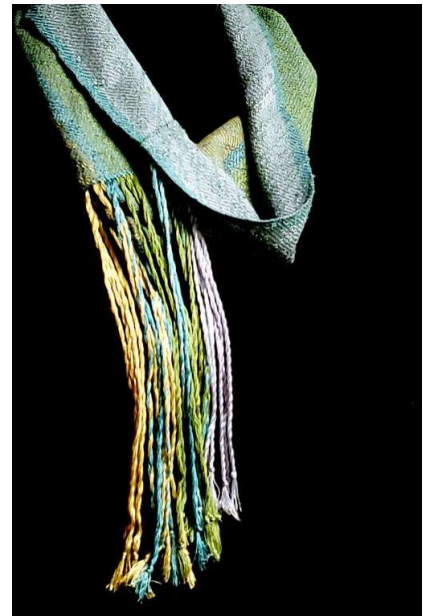
## Extended Workshop: Primary Palette from Fresh Leaf Indigo – November 12, 13 and 14, 2023

*Eileen Hallman*

We will work primarily with silk, using dried indigo leaves in a non-vat technique. The first morning session will use just leaves and water to obtain blue, yellow, and green. The first afternoon session will include several methods with chemical intervention to obtain pink and lavender. We will also make a lake with the spent baths. The second morning we will split the lake and dye yellow, then we will dye cotton blue. The second afternoon will be discussion and synthesis, exploring ways to combine what we know.

We will dye silk ribbon to be attached to a sample page. Each student will get 4 hankies for exploration.

Students who have grown their own indigo over the summer and dried it may bring some of it with them, a blender, and scoured silk to dye.



# Member Information for Silent Auction, Sale, Fashion Show and Potluck – December 9, 2023!!!

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This is a guild event where members and visitors restock their yarn stash, fabric supplies, and tools. It's also a time to share and display your handmade wearables at the fashion show.

**Location:** Saint Mark Presbyterian Church  
10701 Old Georgetown Road  
North Bethesda, MD 20852

**Time:** 10 AM to NOON

**\*\*The church will require everyone to be vaccinated. Masks are optional.**

## Consider Volunteering: We need everyone's help!

The sale is one of the guild's largest events. We need volunteers to run it. Please sign up.

Sign up on the website for at least one shift for jobs such as set up, yarn sort, book table, cleanup...thank you in advance.

## Special Attractions:

- Silent auction of items donated by our members: art, books, equipment.
- Yarn/Fabric sale. All yarn/fabric is \$2.00 per pound (bring a bag to hold your purchases)
- This is your opportunity to de-stash and re-stash.
- The sales and auction are fundraisers for the guild.
- The fashion show and potluck are back by popular demand.

## What to bring:

- Items you want to donate: donations will be accepted starting at 9:30 am.
- Equipment donations must be small enough to fit inside a car and in good working condition.
- A bag or bags to hold your purchases
- Credit Card, Debit Card, Checkbook or cash!
- Bring your favorite potluck dish, along with serving utensils. Time and space are limited. Consider easy to serve and eat food.
- All potluck items must be out of the building by noon.

## Donate Handmade or Higher Priced Items for the Silent Auction:

As part of the Guild auction and sale we will accept donations of hand-made and high value items for a silent auction. Examples of such items would be hand-dyed, hand-woven or knitted scarves, hand-made purses, felted pins, small wall hangings, and beaded or knitted jewelry. High value items might be kimono fabric or vintage buttons. If you teach, you could offer a space in one of your classes. All unsold items will be returned to the donor.

Please bring your item and the donation form to the auction at 9:30 so we can process it before bids open at 10 am. Fill out your name, phone number (in case the item doesn't sell and we need to contact you to return it), a brief description, and the minimum bid (starting price). You can also set a buy it now price. The auction will close for bids at 11:30. At that time the highest bidder can bring the item, sheet, and payment to the check-out. If someone chooses to buy the item at the buy it now price, they can bring the item and sheet to check-out at any time. Please make sure and bring a printed copy of the silent auction form with the item you are donating! The form is located on the website.

## Fashion Show:

We are wanting to show off the items we have. Please consider being part of the fashion show. Let's display your wearable talent at our special event. Bring a printed copy of the fashion show form which you can find on the website.

## Guild Member Fiber Events and Exhibits

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### 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Holiday Gift Show – November 17 – 19, 2023

*Joni Seidenstein*

Joni will be selling small and tote sized bags at this Holiday Gift Show. See sale details and examples of Joni's work below.

**Bypass the mall.  
Skip the big-box store.  
Ditch the web.**

Come enjoy our homey atmosphere as you browse the work of a dozen artists to find just-the-right gifts for those *extra-special people* on your list.

**The Location:**

317 Church Street NE  
Vienna, VA 22180

**The Dates:**

Friday, November 17, 12 p.m. to 6 p.m.  
Saturday, November 18, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
Sunday, November 19, 12 p.m. to 4 p.m.

**More Information:**

Mary Ellen Larkins  
703 • 389 • 2281 (voice or text)

*Payment by cash or check is appreciated!*

For weather and Covid updates, visit:  
[MaryEllenLarkins.com](http://MaryEllenLarkins.com)



## 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Exhibition of Fine Art at Strathmore Mansion – November 18, 2023 to January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024

*Sally O'Connell*



Come celebrate the 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of this massive exhibition of Fine Art in Miniatures with the MPSGS and Strathmore! More than 700 mini masterpieces travel from across the globe for this juried exhibition.

<https://www.strathmore.org/events-tickets/exhibitions/the-90th-annual-exhibition-of-fine-art-in-miniature/>

I have three needle felted pieces in the exhibition which runs from November 18, 2023 through January 13, 2024.

In 2021, I was the first needle felting artist to be included in an exhibition by The Miniature Painters, Sculptors, and Fravers Society.

Fiber Arts is a legitimate art medium!

## 16<sup>th</sup> Annual JRA Craft Day – Saturday, December 2, 2023

*Floris Flam*



The 16th JRA Craft Day will take place on Saturday, Dec. 2 at the **Woman's Club of Chevy Chase**, 7931 Connecticut Avenue, Chevy Chase, Maryland. JRACraft Day is a one-day showcase for artists who are members of the James Renwick Alliance for Craft. This event gives the public an opportunity to see and purchase work by artists in a variety of media. This year's show features 44 artists, including 7 new artists.

Participating Guild members are Janet Barnard, Eileen Doughty, Floris Flam, Sally O'Connell, Catherine O'Sullivan, and Carol Press. More information is available at [www.jracraftday.org](http://www.jracraftday.org).

## Fiber Talks, Exhibits and Other Things of Interest

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### Textiles at Burning Man

*Val Hildebrand*

If you haven't had a chance to view any of the Textile Talks sponsored by a consortium of Fiber Associations (International Quilt Museum, Quilt Alliance, Studio Art Quilt Associates, and Surface Design Association) their recent presentation on Textiles at Burning Man would be a great place to start.

Often textile related aspects of the Burning Man phenomenon center on costumes but presenter Meg Cox showed several examples of how textile installations play a large part of the Burning Man scene. Below are just three of the many installations presented over the years. I really enjoyed this presentation, I hope you do too.



Talks are streamed live on Wednesdays and a video of each presentation can usually be viewed about a week later. To see the Burning Man talk check the SAQA Textile Talks page and click on the **View Previous Recordings** button at <https://www.saqa.com/resources/textiletalks>

## Textiles & Tea

From the Handweavers Guild of America website: Each week the Handweavers Guild of America, Inc. (HGA) hosts Textiles & Tea, a conversation with some of the most respected fiber artists in the field today. In our 45-minute discussion we focus on their artwork and their creative journey. We allow 15 minutes at the end of our conversation for questions from the audience. Textiles & Tea will take place every Tuesday at 4:00 PM (ET) and is broadcast via Zoom and Facebook Live. These broadcasts are free to view and open to all.

For more detail about the talks, and to sign up, go to the HGA website (<https://weavespindye.org/textiles-and-tea/>) or Facebook.

## Fiber Conferences and Events

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### Handweavers Guild of America (HGA)

*Janet Stollnitz*

#### Convergence:

HGA's biennial conference, Convergence, will be held in Wichita, Kansas, July 11 – 17, 2024. General registration opens on October 23<sup>rd</sup>. Conference information is available at <https://weavespindye.org/convergence/>.

# An Update from the Social Media Committee

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The Guild's social media accounts help spread the word about the work we do, the classes we teach and fiber art events in our community. Please consider submitting photos and information to share your own work, or provide information about a show or class you are teaching. With over 600 followers on Facebook and 175 on Instagram, we can help get the word out. Just use this link - you will need to supply some photos and basic information and we can take it from there.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdHuLhof1E1tUjBz2PSMeS56S2tEuM3xX1pBl4AYDJG2RvX6Q/viewform>

Follow us on:

*Instagram:* - <https://www.instagram.com/potomacfiberartsguild/>

*Facebook:* - <https://www.facebook.com/search/top?q=potomac%20fiber%20arts%20guild>

Social Media Team: (Margot Anderson, Shella Biallas, Stacy Cantrell, Bethany Cecere, Laritza Rodriguez).

## Potomac Fiber Arts Gallery

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Located at the Torpedo Factory  
105 N Union Street  
Studio 29  
Alexandria, VA, 22314  
703-548-0935

The Potomac Fiber Arts Gallery is open seven days a week from 10:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

The gallery exhibits all forms of fiber work, including weaving, knitting, crocheting, sewing, surface design, felting and more, in 11 juried shows each year. Our textile artists use materials such as yarn, fabric, paper, thread, wire, metal, and glass to create unique and original jewelry, wall hangings, clothing, sculpture, accessories, and many other inventive works of art.

A selection of Gallery members' works is shown on the Gallery's website and, also in the email message that is sent out to subscribers about each new show. If you are not a subscriber to the Gallery's e-list, subscribe here.

As always, Guild members are welcome and encouraged to apply to join the Gallery. The Gallery is a cooperative of Guild members and offers artists a wonderful exhibit space to showcase and sell their art. Our jury committee selects one-of-a-kind pieces for each show and artists are allowed to set their own prices. Commission is a very affordable 25% on sales. For more information about Gallery membership, please contact Carol Brobst, Membership Manager, at [membership@potomacfiberartsgallery.com](mailto:membership@potomacfiberartsgallery.com)

# Membership

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If you know someone who would like to join our guild, please invite them to a meeting or refer them to our website, <http://www.potomacfiberartsguild.org/guild>. For answers to membership questions contact [membership@potomacfiberartsguild.org](mailto:membership@potomacfiberartsguild.org)

# Outreach

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Our Guild promotes excellence in design and fine craftsmanship in the fiber arts. Part of that mission is to provide educational opportunities to the general public to promote a better appreciation of the fiber arts. Contact [outreach@potomacfiberartsguild.org](mailto:outreach@potomacfiberartsguild.org) with your ideas and suggestions. We like to feature these Community Outreach opportunities in the newsletter, so please also send information and especially photos of your participation to [newsletter@potomacfiberartsguild.org](mailto:newsletter@potomacfiberartsguild.org). [Financial support, in the form of a mini-grant, is available to members to help fund outreach](#) projects. For more info contact Julie Haifley, the Outreach Committee Chair.

# Newsletter

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The Newsletter is posted to the PFAG website and is accessible via the link in the email sent to subscribed members.

To access the current issue of the newsletter, click the emailed link. You can also view it by logging in to the Members area at our website. Click the big green oval that says click here for the latest issue.

Newsletters are published just prior to the meeting month of the first month of the current issue. Send your fiber experiences, workshop impressions and more. Email the editor at [newsletter@potomacfiberartsguild.org](mailto:newsletter@potomacfiberartsguild.org).

# Inclement Weather Policy for In-person Meetings

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In the event of a severe weather emergency affecting an in-person PFAG monthly meeting, program or workshop (mini and extended), the Guild will follow the closing guidelines issued by Montgomery County Government for events involving Community Use of Public Facilities (CUPF). (Please note this is not the Montgomery County Public Schools notice). If severe weather threatens, please visit the [CUPF Emergency Closing Information](#) website.

If CUPF facilities are closed and/or events are cancelled or delayed, PFAG events will be cancelled. As with any endeavor, members should be guided by their own best judgement in deciding whether to venture out in difficult weather.

# Officers and Board Members

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<b>President</b>	Stacy Cantrell
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## Committees

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<b>Equipment</b>	Ruth Quah
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<b>Assistant Registrar</b>	Floris Flam
<b>Study Groups</b>	Anita Sama
<b>Handbook</b>	Janet Stollnitz
<b>Website Content</b>	Kristine Kingery

## Organization Representatives

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<b>Artisans United (AU)</b>	Gail Robin
<b>Creative Crafts Council (CCC)</b>	Dominie Nash
<b>Handweavers Guild of America (HGA)</b>	Janet Stollnitz
<b>Mid-Atlantic Fiber Association (MAFA)</b>	Karen Miller
<b>Studio Art Quilt Associates (SAQQA)</b>	